

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)

GENERAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 6:00pm

MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

P	Dawn Hebert, President	P	Brenda Jackson, 1 st Vice President
P	Marcia McWilliams, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
P	Arthur Busby, Parliamentarian	P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

- I. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by President Dawn Hebert at 6:06 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.
- II. **Introduction of Special Guest(s):** Senator Jimmy Harris, District 4
- III. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Comm. Jackson moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Busby seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Comm. Kirkland moved to approve the minutes. Comm. Landrum seconded the motion. After the vote, the motion passed without any objections.
- V. **Treasurer’s report:** Comm. Sanders made a report of expenses and balances for the period of June 1-30, 2021

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Senator Harris discusses the first Veto Session that may happen. There are several bills that the Governor vetoed. If the required number of votes are obtained, then they will go to veto session on July 20 and it would last 5 days.
- B. **NOE Arts Project:** Dr. Sarah Woodward & Greg Lawson (NOLABA) spoke about public art planned for NOE. A committee was organized to help partner with them to expand Public Arts. The committee is looking at having a sculpture placed at Lake Forest & Read and murals in Joe W. Brown Park painted by youth artists from New Orleans East. The sculpture is called ‘Spirit House’ and will be created by professional artist Brandan Odums and 15 young people that will design murals at Joe W. Brown Park. Murals should be completed over the next year. If funding is obtained, 3-5 walls in the Park will be chosen for art work. Also, a video will be created to tell the story of murals being painted.
- C. **Hurricane Preparedness:** Laura Mellem, NOLA Ready, spoke about getting the COVID 19 vaccine being the first step to being prepared. She discussed the fact that damaging winds, tornados, and flooding from rain and coastal flooding are the four dangers to expect from storms to require evacuation. She said that New Orleans is surrounded by water and to obtain flood insurance Suggestions were to make a plan, talk about how to evacuate and where to go. Mandatory evacuation will have major highways going in one direction; know how to enter them. There is a map on their website. Leave as early as possible if evacuating. Take insurance papers, vital record info and all-important papers. There is a special needs registry for people with medical needs and the elderly. Call 311 to sign up. There is City-assisted evacuation. About 90% of population106 cannot evacuate without help from the City. There are 17 pick-up points for RTA to pick up people. Only one piece of luggage and medical equipment is allowed. Also, pets will be taken care of. There is tiered re-entry process in place after the storm to let residents back into the city. All of this info can be obtained on the website; www.ready.nola.gov.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Harrah’s Grant application submitted** - Artwork on electrical boxes on boulevards

- B. City Council Special Budget and Public Works Committee Meeting: trash pickup & minimum wage increase:** President Hebert attended the meeting to address the problems with trash pick-up. Owner of Metro stated that scheduled pick-ups should return to normal after July 31, 2021. Comm. Hamilton said that trash is picked up, but they are always late. Comm. Legaux said that their recycle bins are still out.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. East New Orleans Neighborhoods receive new signage

Pines Village, Rosedale and Bel’Air East received new subdivision signs. The signs complement their neighborhoods. Comm. Hamilton of Wimbledon said that they are going to replace their sign themselves. They have been waiting on help for a very long time.

IX. COMMUNITY INFO

- A.** Corinne Villavaso, Voters East of the Industrial Canal (VEOTIC) said they are planning a candidate forum for the upcoming election. Send questions that we want answered from candidates to her or Comm. Busby. Two open positions are for City Council Districts D and E.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Blouin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Recording Secretary